MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

INTERN PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

EMPLOYER: Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

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DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT: Tuesday, February 02, 2016

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 11, 2016 at 5:00 PM (postmarked)

STUDENTS MUST BE CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

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POSITION TITLE: Fisheries Intern   **# OF POSITIONS:** 1

LOCATION(S): Thompson Falls

WORK START/END DATES: June-August   **HOURS/WEEK:** ~ 40

TRAINING/ORIENTATION DATES: early June

COMPENSATION (PAY, PER DIEM, HOUSING, VEHICLE, ETC: Compensation will be $11.00/Hr. Per diem will be available. Housing will be provided in the form of a camper. Access to bathroom and water will be provided at the FWP Thompson Falls field office. Showers will be provided at a local facility, a few miles away and thus the successful candidate must have their own form of reliable transportation.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The successful candidate will assists FWP fisheries biologists and technicians with a variety of field and office work. The postion will focus on two specific projects 1) High-mountain lakes surveys 2) Comprehensive ecological evaluation of a small Bull Trout stream. Mountain lakes surveys will be conducted in a variety of lakes in the lower Clark Fork River and Thompson River drainages, which will often require hiking several miles in steep mountainous terrain. Familiarity with the use of gillnets, backpacking, and backcountry camping is favorable. Streams sampling to collect biological information on the current conditions of a small Bull Trout stream will include electrofishing, habitat surveys, stream flow measurements, PIT tagging and snorkeling. Experience with electrofishing, stream habitat surveys and data collection is advantageous, as is a knowledge of stream and fish ecology. Work will also include entering, organizing, and summarizing data and thus proficiency with Microsoft Excel is also beneficial. Maintenance and monitoring of past stream restoration projects may also occur.

REQUIRMENTS

The incumbent must be willing to live in a camper in the Town of Thompson Falls with minimal amenities (no TV, internet, etc.) and drive or bike off-site to shower. Camping will also be required. A personal laptop computer would be ideal for data entry and various other work activities.

SKILLS, ABILITIES, KNOWLEDGE NEEDED (EDUCATION; UNDERGRAD/GRAD LEVEL, SUGGESTED/REQUIRED MAJORS):

The ideal candidate will be highly-motivated, personable, enthusiastic, reliable, hard working, backcountry savvy, physical fit, willing to learn and is pursuing a career in the fisheries field. The internship will require physically strenuous work in mountainous conditions for many hours at time, thus the candidate must be physically fit and/or have experience with backpacking, backcountry camping and fieldwork. The ability to collect necessary data while dealing with a wide range of often harsh weather conditions; from snow and rain to extreme heat and biting bugs all while keeping a positive attitude is essential. Course work or work experience in fish biology/ecology, fisheries management, stream ecology, hydrology, and aquatic restoration are highly favorable.

The applicants should be actively pursuing a career in fisheries, stream ecology or aquatic restoration from an accredited university.

APPLICATION MATERIALS/PROCEDURES (RESUME, COVER LETTER, REFERENCES, ETC.):

Required application materials include:

 1) Cover Letter 2) Resume 3) Academic/Professional References (2-3) 4) Unofficial transcripts
Please send to contact person listed above.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: (;HOUSING OF ANY KIND PROVIDED OR POSSIBLY AVAILABLE I.E. TRAILER, FREE CAMP SPOT, BASEMENT APARTMENT, EXTRA SLEEPING ROOM, ETC.)

Housing information listed above under Compensation & Position description (Requirements section I added)